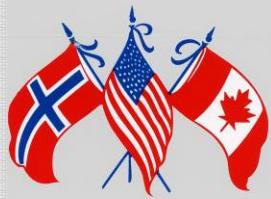


THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48 PRESIDENT CAROL FRANCIS:



Gratulerer med Leif Erikssons dag! Congratulations with Leif Eriksson's Day! We know who

got here first, right? This is the time of year when Norwegians kind of grit their teeth at Columbus Day, and take the holiday if offered from their job. And we also know that the Norse settlers in Greenland continued to travel to the New World, to Baffin Island to hunt, and to Labrador to get timber, well into the 1300s, from my recent cultural programs.

Having said that, I was in semi-shock last week when we nearly had to be rescued by the Italians for the Lutefisk Dinner. We had ordered our lutefisk last year from the Olson Fish Company in Minneapolis, and it had arrived on time to the minute. Well, this year everything went haywire. First, they shipped the fish on the Tuesday before the dinner, but it didn't leave Minneapolis until the following morning, i.e., almost a day late (but well-frozen fish). It was then supposed to arrive on Friday instead Thursday, and guess what, no lutefisk!

Enter one redheaded best friend of 100% Norwegian ancestry, and great sleuthing skills. Everybody was looking for substitute lutefisk for us, and **Cindy Hayashi** found it right at the local Corti Bros. For \$15.09 a pound; the Italians could rescue our dinner! What if the fish came in Saturday morning? No problem, Cindy put the fish on hold for us. The Italians were quite understanding, and I wonder if they were chuckling a little. The Norwegians are coming to us for lutefisk! However, Saturday morning, our package did arrive, still frozen yet! That lutefisk is tough! Wow, we were home free! The dinner was beautiful, and the fish quite tasty, according to those who love it. Thank you very much to all the helpers: chair person **Raye Brown, Mary and Greg Santa Ana, Joe and LaRena Hannon, Cynthia Hayashi, Karen Nelson, Jim and Florence Smith, Ruby Freeman (LaRena's mom), Nancy Ottum**, and many helpers that night.

This is the perfect time to give a gift membership to a family member, as the price goes up \$5 on January 1, 2009, for District 6 dues. We actually got one new member from our free Lutefisk dinner offer, and we could welcome **Steve Krogh**, who loved the lutefisk and was a great worker during cleanup!

To enroll a member, print a membership form from our web site sonsofnorwaysacramento.com, send it completed with check to Roald Amundsen Lodge for \$44.00 to our membership secretary **Carol Lee Solheim**, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682-7602. To get the current price, we have to vote members in by the business meeting of December 9th, so don't delay! This is the perfect way to pass on your Norwegian heritage to your family members!

Are you planning to attend the Vikingfest on Saturday, Nov. 15th, 10 am to 3 pm at the San Juan Masonic Lodge? See details in the flier; we hope for a great turnout. This is a great time to start your Christmas shopping! Our Julebord will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th, flier also in this Navigator; seating is limited, so reserve early. We will be having our first St. Lucia pageant, sing Norwegian Christmas carols, and eat plenty of great food. Save Sunday, Dec. 28th for a Children's Christmas Party, details next Navigator. Also, 2009 will be our 80th Anniversary as Roald Amundsen Lodge, 6-48, and we will be celebrating with an anniversary dinner on March 29, 2009, at the Carmichael Elks Club. Please save the date! Vi sees snart! Hope to see you soon! Carol



LUTEFISK DINNER PHOTOS



Around the clock: Karen Nelson with the beautiful place settings she prepared; Nancy Ottum and Ruby Freeman rolling the lefse; Blossom Baker and Ruby Freeman enjoying the big pumpkin and snacks at the social hour; Jim Smith about to make sales to Glenice Palmer and Lem Llapitan; Cindy Hayashi pinning name tag on Dave Sliper.

**Sons of Norway's
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VIKINGFEST!

WHEN: November 15, 2008
Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

WHERE: SAN JUAN MASONIC HALL
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916.783.8830



YOUNG CAMPERS ENTERTAIN AT RECENT POTLUCK

Roald Amundsen Lodge gave scholarships to six young campers for Language Heritage Camp in July 2008. A new requirement was that they give a program for the lodge, to tell what they learned. At our potluck dinner on Friday, September 26th, all six campers showed up, plus two enthusiastic helpers.

In the photo at right, in the back row: Youth Director **Sharon Mahnken, Erin Bradley, Savannah Kopp from Victory Lodge in Vallejo. Front row: Madyson Mahnken, Austin Mahnken, P. J. Mahnken, Alex Wyatt, Kelly Bradley.** Savannah wanted to visit her camp friends, and Austin will not be old enough until next year, but already knows the songs.

The group gave a delightful performance to a small but enthusiastic audience. Next year we hope to have the kids plan their own program, as this was a learning experience for the lodge. What came through is that they all love camp, and have learned a lot. The boys mentioned that they liked the dancing the best, and we saw great examples of their skills in a short video done by Anders Thue, new to our lodge. Mange tusen takk to the kids, and to our great Youth Director, Sharon Mahnken!





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Wine or Cider Christmas Toast
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Herring
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Seasonal Vegetables
Red Potatoes
Beet Salad
Cucumber Salad
Fish Aspic
Desserts
Lefse
Coffee

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Phone number & e-mail _____

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Total \$ _____

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Total \$ _____

Child tickets _____ @ \$ 8.00 each

Total \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

(DETACH AND MAIL TO ABOVE ADDRESS BY DEC. 6, 2008)

THE MISSING BUST OF ROALD AMUNDSEN

It was around three o'clock on a warm summer afternoon when the square-sail Viking ship landed and more than twenty warriors in battle dress stormed ashore and marched through crowded streets to a modest structure known as the Norway building.

The date: August 25, 1928. The place: Long Beach, California. The occasion: Norway Day at the Pacific Southwest Exposition, a Worlds Fair widely promoted as a celebration of the customs and culture of more than twenty countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Far East.

Offering "Forty Days and Forty Nights" of exhibitions and entertainment, the Exposition opened on July 27th and closed on September third. Tens of thousands were attracted daily, and attendance on the first of two days designated as Norway Day broke all previous attendance records.

In addition to the Viking landing, which was repeated on the second day, there was a choral program presented by the Norwegian Singing Society of Los Angeles, a Lutheran church service on Sunday morning in the outdoor theater with a choir of 125 voices from churches in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Long Beach, and the formal presentation of a silk Norwegian flag to the City of Long Beach by the Norwegian Vice-Consul. There was also the unveiling of a bust of explorer Roald Amundsen in front of the Norway building, to be mentioned further below.

The Mayor of Long Beach at the time was himself of Norwegian heritage. Born on a farm in Minnesota in 1868, **Oscar Hauge** was the son of Norwegian parents, who emigrated to the United States in 1854. He was trained as a dentist and practiced in Montana, before returning to Minnesota to manage his wife's family ranching business. He subsequently sold the family business and moved to Long Beach in 1913. As he had been in Minnesota, Dr. Hauge became involved in California politics, serving variously at the city, county, and state-wide level. He was elected to the

Long Beach City Council in 1927 and subsequently elected unanimously as Mayor. It was undoubtedly due, at least in part, to his prominence and position that Norway and Norwegians played an important role in the 1928 Long Beach event.

In the weeks leading up to the opening of the Exposition, Southern California Norwegians contributed funds for creation of a bust honoring Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole and veteran explorer in both the north and south polar regions. Amundsen had disappeared June 18, 1928, while on a flight seeking survivors of the Italian dirigible, which crashed on the ice after flying over the North Pole. Some weeks later wreckage from Amundsen's plane was found in the sea between Tromso and Spitsbergen and in early September he was finally presumed dead..



Mayor Oscar Hauge

Thus the dedication of a bust honoring Amundsen at the Pacific Southwest Exposition was especially timely, occurring during the period when his fate was unknown and uncertain. Finn Haakon Frolich, a Norwegian sculptor well known on the West Coast, was commissioned to execute the bust, which was completed in his studio in Hollywood just two days before its unveiling at the Exposition. It depicted Amundsen in a heavy hooded parka and was mounted on a six-foot pedestal bearing images of polar bears and a coat of arms.

In actuality the bust itself was only a plaster cast of Frolich's clay model. The plan among Norwegians at the time was to raise additional funds to cast the bust in bronze and present it to the citizens of Long Beach for placement in a city park. However, one must assume that further fund-raising was unsuccessful, and that a bronze casting was never made. Presumably the clay model and plaster cast were either destroyed or somehow disappeared.

Inquiries directed to city officials, Long Beach library staff, local historians and museum authorities failed to yield any information regarding the whereabouts of

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the Amundsen bust. In fact virtually all were unaware that it ever existed. One important feature of Southern California Norwegians' participation in the Pacific Southwest Exhibition during the summer of 1928 has therefore been lost from view.



Here is an Amundsen bust that actually got made. This one is located in Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard, Norway.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This article was previously published in another Sons of Norway lodge newsletter under the title, "The Landing of the Vikings." *(Editor's note: We thank Dr. Richard C. Gilman of Pasadena, California, for allowing us to reprint this article. Also, next month, we intend to print an article about Finn Frolich, who was mentioned in this article.)*

Aftenposten

AFTENPOSTEN TURNING OFF ITS ENGLISH NEWS SERVICE

Navigator correspondent Dick Tracysen vows to carry on without Aftenposten leads. Monolingualistic Americans will have to rely on occasional biased articles on whaling in the New York Times for Norwegian information.

Aftenposten announced recently that it needs to cut NOK 100 million (nearly US \$20 million) in costs over the next two years. Early retirement incentives and severance pay packages have been offered to employees in an effort to reduce staff through attrition.

Advertising sales have declined in recent months, and Aftenposten editors determined that prospects for the commercial viability of "News in English" were unfavorable. An exact shut-down date for "News in English" remains unclear, but was expected at the end of October.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!



CHILDREN'S (AND THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS) CHRISTMAS PARTY ! HOLD THE DATE!

Party will be December 28th, from 2 – 4pm. Santa Claus may make a special, post Christmas visit. Information on the location, and other details will be in the December Navigator.



GULF STREAM HERE TO STAY!

Norway breathes a sigh of relief.

Nordic tanning remains possible.

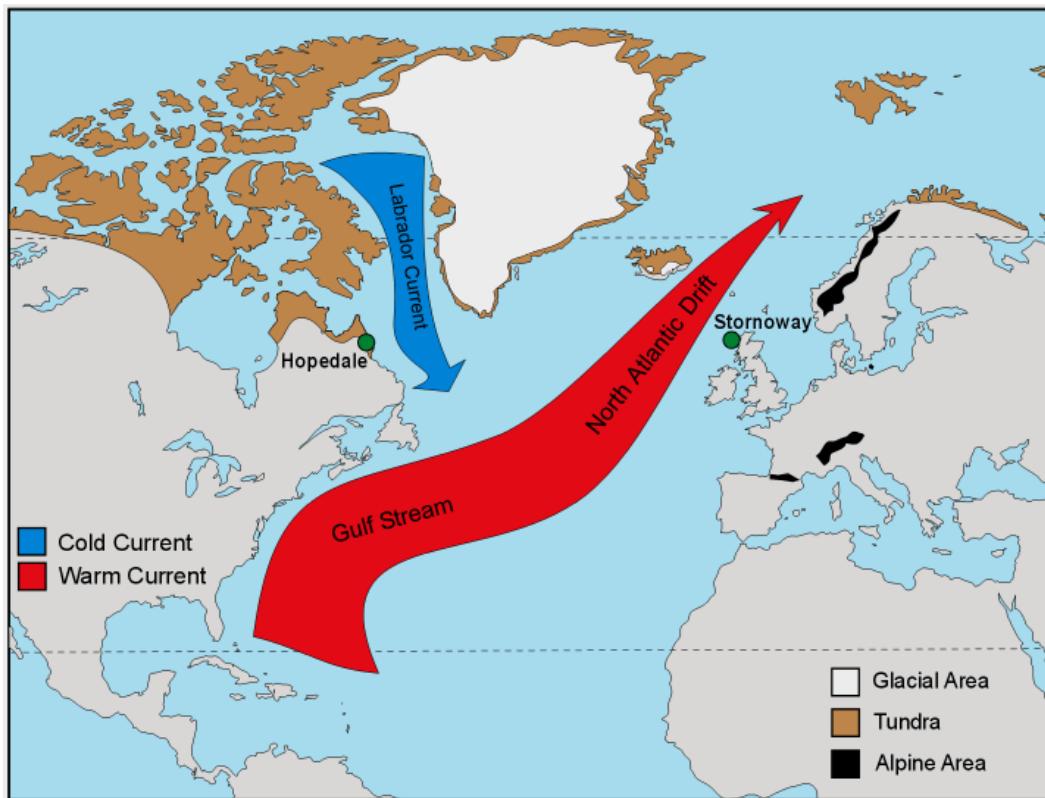
As any school kid knows, the Gulf Stream has long been a source of warmer seas flowing north through the Atlantic, and it also sends colder waters south. It flows roughly from the east coast of South America, around the Gulf of Mexico and across the Atlantic, where it heads north, east of Ireland, over towards Norway and around Iceland, before heading due south again. This flow of warm water is what makes the Nordic countries livable.

According to **Aftenposten**, climate researchers have re-examined previous studies that indicated the Gulf Stream was weakening. The Danish Meteorological Institute

(DMI) reports that several observations in recent years had suggested the circulation of the Gulf Stream was weakening, possibly because of global warming. Studies, the institute noted, had suggested that the flow of cold water south was down by half.

A group of researchers from Denmark, the Faeroe Islands, Germany and Norway thus started paying closer attention to Gulf Stream activity, and now they are releasing conclusions that can leave climate researchers breathing a sigh of relief.

"It hasn't only been possible to show that the currents



instead have maintained a surprisingly constant strength during the last 50 years, but we can also point out where earlier signs of weakness were misleading," said **Steffen M Olsen** of DMI. The Navigator's investigative reporter, **Dick Tracysen**, had long suspected that this was the case, and had urged the researchers to continue their investigation. As a result, the researchers studied both new and historic measures of the Gulf Stream's strength over the undersea ridges between Iceland and Greenland, and came to their new conclusions.

Olsen cautioned, however, that changes may still occur. "We can't rule that out," Olsen wrote in an article publishing the group's findings. The risk of a collapse in the warm circulation of the Atlantic just "isn't as probable in the near future as we had feared." Tracysen, however, believes, based on his own analysis of

the data, that the hot air escaping from inside the Washington beltway will actually increase the flow of warm water within the gulf stream, and within ten years Norway will be enjoying tropical summers in its southern regions. Norwegian teenagers are ecstatic over this possible climate change, even though American politician Alfred Gore preaches climate change doom and gloom. We guess he fails to see the irony when his hot air contributes to the alleged problem.

THE "NORWEGIAN MODEL"

(Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from news of norway (sic), fall 2008 edition. It is interesting to reflect on the fact that Norway has been involved in peace and reconciliation efforts in the following rather long list of countries: **Haiti, Guatemala, Columbia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, East Timor, Palestine / Israel, Sudan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Nepal, and Afghanistan, where Norway has 500 troops stationed.**)



Oops! Wrong "Norwegian model!" This is Pernille Holmboe, currently famous Norwegian model.

Over the last few decades Norway has developed its own model of conflict resolution, often referred to as the "Norwegian model."

The keystone of the model is the close cooperation and coordination that exist between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The cooperation has developed over a long period, based on common experience in development assistance since the mid-1960s.

At play is a close network of key personnel from NGOs, the academic community, and the Foreign Service. The network has proved useful in offering unconventional diplomatic channels. For example, Sri Lanka had for a long time been a recipient of Norwegian development assistance. The experience both NGOs and the Norwegian government gained in the country, as well as the trust they earned from the local population, made it possible to enter in an active role as a peace negotiator.

Also key is that Norway has no colonial past. This provides a good basis for trust in countries formerly ruled by others. As a small country, one does not normally suspect Norway of having economic or political self-interest in far away regions.

COLLEGE AND LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!



The 6th District will award three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to members in good standing their children or grandchildren who are Unge Venner members in any lodge in the 6th District. **They must attend a four year accredited college or university** in the USA as a fulltime undergraduate in their sophomore, junior or senior year and have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. These scholarships can also be awarded to those students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of any four year accredited program at a community college in the USA. When an applicant is deemed worthy of a scholarship (recommended by the 6th District Scholarship Committee and approved by the 6th District board) the funds will be jointly paid to the applicant & to the institution he or she is attending. **Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by April 1 of the application year.**



The lakefront at Concordia Language Camp

Also the 6th District will offer one (1) scholarship to a two-week **Concordia Language Camp Summer Session** at The Norwegian Village or "Skoggjorden" in the amount of \$1,635, for a camper over the age 13 who has attended Camp Norge Language Heritage Camp. The applicant must be a Heritage or Unge Venner member of a 6th District lodge. Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by May 1 of the application year. Visit website www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org for information & applications for the Norwegian Village or "Skogjorden." **The applicant must also apply directly to and meet all**

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CONSIDER SONS OF NORWAY HOLIDAY GIFT MEMBERSHIPS!



Are you looking for a special gift for Christmas or some other occasion? Consider giving the gift of heritage, culture and tradition by giving a gift membership. There is no better way to help a loved one reconnect with their heritage and introduce them to Sons of Norway than by giving them a gift membership.

Gift memberships can be purchased by credit card over the phone by calling (800) 945-8851 or by visiting Sons of Norway on the web at www.sonsofnorway.com. Within two weeks, the new member will receive a personalized "Gift Membership" certificate and their new membership card.

This holiday season, give your loved ones a gift that lasts all year long; give a Sons of Norway membership. And this year, there is an added incentive – the membership cost increases \$5.00/year as of January 1st!

Scholarships (*Continued from page 9*)
requirements of Concordia Language Camp.
Those interested in applying for the scholarship for the Concordia Language Camp may get the district applications from members of the scholarship committee.

The members of the committee are: Vern P. Martin, Chairman, 16985 Kawai Court, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, PH: (714) 839-2502, e-mail, vpmartin@dslextreme.com; Carolyn Dahl, Member, 13361 East 35th Place, Yuma, AZ 85367, PH: (928-335-1801, e-mail, KA6LSK@arrl.net; and Patricia E. Jokela, member, 10101 Dewey Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92840, PH: (714) 539-2312, e-mail, patricejoke@aol.com.

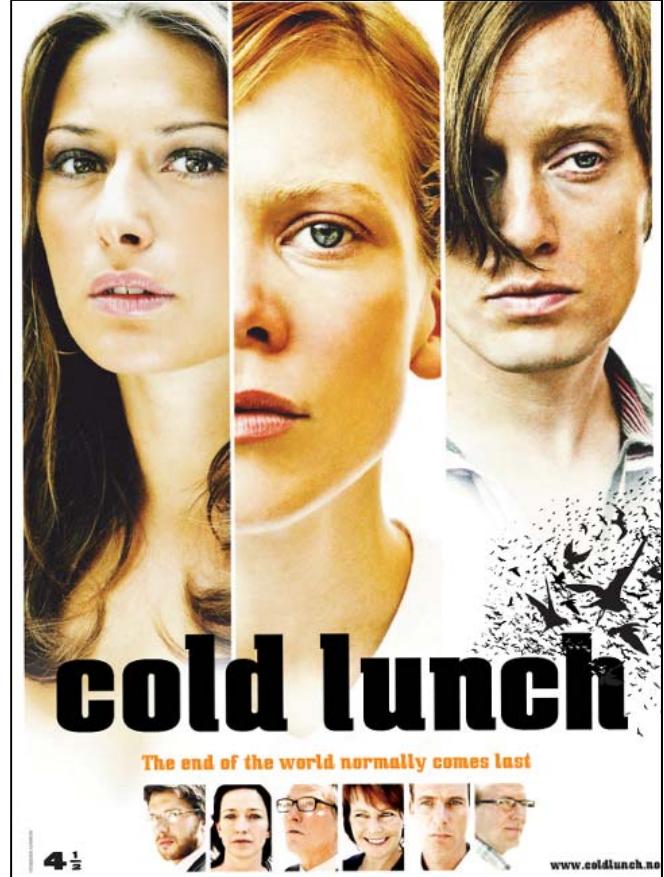
LON SJ (COLD LUNCH)

Norwegian flick coming to American theaters in February.

A selfish youth's thoughtless act creates unexpected consequences for several of his Oslo neighbors in the drama "**Cold Lunch**."

The script offers an ironic, sometimes horrific view of modern Norwegian society, but in a coolly dispassionate way.

An opening-credits sequence establishes the narrative's peculiar tone and distinctive visual style. After striking a pedestrian



with his car (an event heard rather than seen), driver Marius tries to blackmail his passenger, Turid, into taking the rap, both blithely ignoring the fallen body in the background.

But Marius and Turid are merely the first of the film's self-centered males and victimized females. The ensemble includes petulant Christer, who sets the plot's wheels in motion when he cuts the power to an apartment building; sheltered Leni, whose father dies as a result of the power cut; and overly solicitous young, sexy mother Heidi, whose odious husband, Odd , mentally and physically abuses her.

Etc., etc. The film has received generally good reviews at the various film festivals where it has been screened. We were unable to determine if it is coming to San Francisco or Sacramento theaters, but keep an eye out for it. (*Adapted from internet material.*)

AREA EVENTS

Note to Persons with Announcements and Flyers! (especially from other lodges) The Navigator, like most Sons of Norway newsletters, is published not more often than monthly. If we do not receive flyers at least seven weeks ahead of time, they probably will not be timely...

The following area events may be of interest to Roald Amundsen Lodge members:

Saturday, November 1, 2008: Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner hosted by Bjornstjerne Bjornson Lodge #14 2258 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland. For information or reservations contact Karl Eikeberg, bay-Sea@aol.com.

Saturday, November 8, 2008: Viking Lodge #89, Chico, celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

Sat-Sun, November 15-16, 2008: Norwegian Seamen's Church Christmas Bazaar, San Francisco

Saturday November 15, 2008: trio mediæval, St. John's Church, Lodi, 7pm.

Friday, February 6, 2009: Knut Erik Jensen, Peace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley

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GUILDALEN LODGE 26TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sunday, November 9, 1PM
at Alta Sierra Country Club

11897 Tammy Way, Grass Valley (530-273-2041)

\$20.00 Cash Bar



- Menu -

Alta Sierra Caesars Salad

Choice of: Chicken Breast, stuffed with apples and Brie, buttered rice, seasonal vegetables or Sesame ginger-glazed Salmon, drizzled with wasabi, seasoned rice, seasonal vegetables
Ice cream with fresh seasonal berries, rolls and coffee

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KALENDEREN

	Oct 11	Challenge Workshop
	Oct 14	Lodge Meeting
	Oct 18	Lutefisk Dinner
Viking Sisters	Oct 25-26	Rosmaling, Camp Norge
President Ann Sandner 916.366.8071	Nov 15	Vikingfest
	Dec 13	Lodge Social
	Dec 28	Children's Christmas party

Call Viking Sisters President for Viking Sisters meeting information. Meetings now held at Denny's, at the southeast corner of Watt Avenue and Auburn Boulevard, just south of Business Route 80 freeway. Generally, they meet the second Saturday of every month at 9:00am.

Monthly lodge meetings are usually held 2nd Tuesday at the Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights (just south of Greenback Lane). Start time is 7:00 pm. A cultural program is usually presented.